

EMS Committee Meeting
Highland Cove
3750 South Highland Drive
Terrace Club Room
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members:	Kris Kemp M.D., Jay Downs, Jeri Johnson, Mike Moffitt, Mark Adams, Russell Bradley M.D., Robert Grow M.D., Lynn Yeates, Hallie Keller M.D.
Excused:	Mike Mathieu, Laonna Davis, Margy Swenson, Jason Nicholl, Brett Kay, Ray Price M.D.
Guests:	
Staff:	Jolene Whitney, Allan Liu, Jenny Allred, Shari Hunsaker, Guy Dansie, Raul Garcia, Jim Hansen, Tami Goodin, Bob Jex, Peter Taillac, Dennis Bang, Chuck Cruz, Irene Petrogeorge and Suzanne Barton
Presiding:	Kris Kemp M.D.

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action
	<u>Welcome</u>	
Introduction of Committee Members and Bureau Staff	Dr. Kris Kemp introduced himself and the committee members. Turned time over to Paul Patrick to introduce new Bureau staff – Suzanne Barton is the new Executive Secretary that replaced Annalyn Beers. Shari Hunsaker is the new Data Manager that replaced Josh Legler.	
	<u>Action Items:</u>	
Approval of Minutes	The April EMS Committee meeting minutes were reviewed and it was noted that a change in the notes referring to the ambulance rates needs to be made from current to proposed. With this change, the minutes were approved by the Committee.	Made the motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; motion carried.
Enterprise City Fire/EMS Paramedic Staffing Waiver	<p>Lee Bracken, Mayor of Enterprise City stated that the ambulance service for Enterprise City was started in 1978 in a small rural, remote location in Southwest Utah. The important thing he wanted to bring to the attention of the committee is the number of personnel Enterprise employs which is 42 and 41 of them are volunteers. With increased expectations from the residents and patients it identified that there is a need for paramedic skills. They were able to hire Kevin Hawkins, an individual from Unified Fire Department that recently moved to Enterprise City. He will be the EMS Director/Fire Chief and will guide, teach and raise their level of skills. Enterprise City is asking for a waiver that will allow a paramedic response when one is available responding with our other advanced and basic EMT's. The request is that the paramedic will be allowed to use paramedic skills. Their advanced EMT's will complement the single paramedic. Lee commented that they are asking for the committee's permission for this staffing level in this remote area. The minimum transport is 30 minutes up to 60 – 90 minutes and in cases where life flight is not necessary we do ground transport, so therefore they need these paramedic skills at times to supplement our advanced EMT's.</p> <p>Kris Kemp asked for discussion among committee members. He reminded them that this waiver is the first step in the process of the application, and then we ask the entities to present their plan and with the committee's approval they can move forward with applications without incurring undue costs. Any questions or</p>	Michael Moffitt made the motion to approve the Paramedic Staffing Waiver. Russell Bradley seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor of the motion. No members opposed, none abstained.

	concerns should be addressed now.	
Ivins City EMS Paramedic Staffing Waiver	<p>Jon Ward, EMS Director, stated that Ivins City like Enterprise City is seeking a paramedic staffing waiver. Ivins City has grown and acquired more areas and the city has 36 certified EMT's, 23 who are AEMT certified and 6 Paramedics. They are asking for approval of a staffing waiver; seeking a licensure to provide paramedic rescue service to respond to the Ivins EMS response area. Ivins EMS Services has been providing transport service since 2008. They understand when a paramedic is on staff they would have the paramedic use their skills, if they didn't have one staffed at the time, they would request the help of Gold Cross Ambulance who responds from St. George.</p> <p>Kris Kemp asked for discussion among committee members. He reminded them that this waiver is the first step in the process of the application, and then we ask the entities to present their plan and with the committee's approval they can move forward with applications without incurring undue costs. Any questions or concerns should be addressed now.</p>	Jeri Johnson made the motion to approve the Paramedic Staffing Waiver. Jay Downs seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor of the motion. No members opposed, none abstained.
Subcommittee Report	<p>Dennis Bang provided the Professional Development Subcommittee update. They sent out a letter to all paramedic programs to see if there is anyone interested in a nurse to paramedic to nurse program. Paul Patrick made comments on the program and how it focuses on giving the nurses credit they have earned in nursing school and paramedic credit for the prior paramedic knowledge and training they have already taken and help them to get certified. A few letters have been received in response to the program.</p> <p>They went thru the recertification manual and updated the rules we thought might change and will have the manuals ready to go.</p> <p>Operations Subcommittee did not meet so no report was given.</p>	
	<u>Informational Items:</u>	
Rules Task Force Update	<p>Kris commented that we have been tasked to consolidate our rules from 15 down to 9. Initially we created a rules task force. They took the rules and consolidated them and changed some of the language, submitted them for approval and they went out to the public comment and the public comment was closed. There was some concern where we felt it was necessary to reopen the rules and reorganize a 2nd rules task force to address issues that were of concern. Event staffing, paramedic staffing the paramedic units where a few of the topics discussed. The process by which the two rules task forces were created and the system on how those rules were revised was brought under question recently. Several members of the rules task force have been interviewed by both internal auditors and Dr. Patton. We want the community and the state to understand that we work for the state and not for ourselves. When we revised these rules we did so with an eye towards the state as a whole and what would be best for the greater good, not singling out one entity or another. We allowed, recognized and adopt as much as possible.</p> <p>The rules are out for public comment for over a week now until the last week of July. No comments have been made so far, but that may change.</p>	
Statewide Mutual Aid	Jay Downs commented that they have been working on this agreement for over a year now. He started working on their disaster	

Agreements/ Template	<p>plan and found out they have eight ambulances in their system and found that in a disaster how we would call in additional ambulances from other counties. The rules state that we must have a mutual aid plan or agreement and there was not one currently written. There were a lot of issues regarding contracts, billing and liabilities. A handout was given out that outlined the agreement. The term of this agreement is 48 months. It will automatically renew on each anniversary date under the same terms and conditions, unless written notice is directed to the other party with 30 days prior to the expiration date.</p> <p>Discussion on the template and the language between the committee. The committee decided that there will be an amendment to change the language and it will be an action item for adoption at the next meeting.</p>	
Rate Increase Update/Timeline	<p>Allan Liu advised that ambulance rates were supposed to increase July 1st and it is now the 10th. With the rules revisions in the public comment phase, the bureau is going to have the rate effective when the rules change. We will update you and you can look on the bureau website for the date.</p> <p>The AED Grant guidelines will be out next week on the grant's section of the Bureau website. This is for public law enforcement and schools and we will begin taking applications in August and will make a decision in December after the Grants Committee meets. This is a one time grant from Legislature and we strongly advise all schools and law enforcement to apply and with a lot of applications, we can show Legislature that we need more money.</p>	
EMS Guidelines	<p>Dr. Peter Talliac advised that they are proud to be presenting the final draft of the EMS Guidelines. These are designed to allow agencies to utilize them as templates and as a set of guidelines to develop their own. The guidelines were developed over a year by a committee made up of doctors, EMT's, Paramedics and Pediatric representatives and Dr. Talliac thanked the committee publically (Russell Bradley, Hallie Keller, Scott Youngquist, Brett Casney, Chuck Cruz, Andy Ostler, Andy Gardner and Kris Kemp) for pushing it through and doing a lot of the editing. He would like the committee to look at them and make any comments. In the next few days Dr. Talliac will send the guidelines out to all EMS agencies statewide, medical directors and agency directors to comment. The intended timeline is for the comments to be completed and drafted and completed by August 15th. They will be updated by the committee on a real time basis.</p>	
Subcommittee Assignments for October Meeting	<p>There was no subcommittee tasks assigned for the October meeting.</p> <p>It was discussed and agreed on that the Committee would continue to have the Executive Session prior to the main meeting at 1pm.</p>	
End of Meeting	<p>Next Meeting, October 16, 2013, Executive Session will be held in Conference Room 425; 3760 S. Highland Drive SLC, UT 84106 at 11:30 pm. Meeting will continue at 1:00 pm in the 3rd floor auditorium.</p>	